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Sir:

In compliance with Rules 1.97 and 1.98, and in fulfillment of the duty of disclosure under Rule 1.56, the accompanying documents, copies of which are attached to this statement, are made of record on the enclosed sheet.

A concise explanation of the relevance of these items is that these references were cited by the European Search Report in the corresponding European Application Serial No. 01 25 0174. A copy of the European Search Report in which they were cited is attached hereto.

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